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MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - JANUARY, 1959.

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th September, 1958 -

Males - 363,511

Females - 345,796

Persons - 709,307

Metropolitan Statistical Division at 30th June, 1958 -

Persons - 382,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	DECEMBER		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
Marriages - Number	407	407	5,038	4,897
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.73	6.85	7.14	7.08
Births - Number	1,376	1,289	16,731	16,924
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	22.76	21.70	23.72	24.47
Deaths - Number	446	409	5,554	5,297
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	7.38	6.89	7.87	7.66
Infant)- Number	41	31	360	357
Mortality) * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	29.80	24.05	21.52	21.09
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	3	6	25	36
Malignant neoplasms	69	60	869	819
Diabetes mellitus	3	3	56	66
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	2	15	15
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	56	46	688	594
Diseases of the heart	126	119	1,812	1,613
Hypertension with heart disease	6	15	155	153
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	6	4	53	61
Arteriosclerosis	5	9	124	139
Influenza	-	1	9	43
Pneumonia	21	20	211	208
Bronchitis	5	4	74	62
Other respiratory diseases	10	6	63	80
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	6	6	46	44
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	3	3	30	20
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	9	8
Cirrhosis of the liver	3	5	32	27
Nephritis and nephrosis	5	7	63	71
Disease of the prostate	4	2	46	58
Maternal causes	-	1	8	11
Diseases of early infancy	22	17	201	211
Motor vehicle accidents	16	15	189	155
Other accidents	24	17	164	194
Suicide	7	5	102	95
All other causes	45	36	510	514
Total:	446	409	5,554	5,297

* Equivalent Annual Rate

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during January, 1959, totalled 112,409 acres, a decrease of 119,972 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 87,777 acres, an increase of 13,307 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1958.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
	1959	1958	1959	1958
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,952,028	4,821,472	32,596,613	30,672,656
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 18. 11	6. 17. 8	45. 19. 5	44. 1. 1
Expenditure	4,932,913	4,850,560	36,777,427	34,073,136
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 18. 5	6. 18. 6	51. 17. 4	48. 18. 9

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of January, 1959, amounted to £68,178,948 or £95-12-6 per head of population as against £64,801,256 or £92-9-10 per head at the end of January, 1958.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 28th January, 1959, amounted to £17,929,843 compared with £16,245,367 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
Transfers	No.	1,280	1,363	11,072	11,507
	£.	2,536,350	2,347,843	17,886,407	19,404,366
Mortgages	No.	975	981	8,572	8,479
	£.	1,807,454	1,524,258	16,386,024	16,424,283
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	740	768	6,341	6,390

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
January, 1959	4,822,207	2,683,861	9,819,348	706,460
January, 1958	5,505,532	3,002,463	12,376,531	763,467
Seven Months ended January, 1959	28,279,766	21,853,103	70,405,454	4,235,154
Seven Months ended January, 1958	27,109,174	20,255,863	73,958,896	4,018,398

COMPANIES REGISTERED

140 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,090,850 and 72 Foreign Companies were registered during the seven months ended January, 1959. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 168 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £6,596,000 and 59 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Seven Months ended JANUARY					
	1959			1958		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	68	253,102	74,719	63	120,646	41,472
Deeds of Assignment (a)	59	338,735	306,228	60	217,899	199,581
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item		DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Gross Earnings (a) *	£.	1,138,000	1,024,600	6,338,100	6,426,400
Working Expenses (a)	£.	1,239,796	1,197,702	7,408,313	7,389,062
Train Miles Run	No.	655,284	582,328	3,715,453	3,674,322
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 89,648	(c) 99,030	(d) 563,981	(e) 623,604
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,087,389	1,039,738	7,134,641	7,020,582
Motor Bus	No.	22,441	22,622	132,924	144,831
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		306,865	268,730	1,539,348	1,601,086
Livestock		12,270	9,172	88,240	80,930
Departmental (Free Freight)		47,848	46,920	364,240	324,832
Total:		366,983	324,822	1,991,828	2,006,848
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		49,964,405	41,034,550	256,212,821	261,256,179
Livestock		1,577,196	1,196,875	12,000,017	11,421,330
Departmental (Free Freight)		4,402,911	3,686,547	34,010,114	33,649,165
Total:		55,944,512	45,917,972	302,222,952	306,326,674

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 6th December.

(c) Four weeks ended 7th December.

(d) Period 1st July to 6th December.

(e) Period 1st July to 7th December.

* Figures subject to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1958 -										
January	372	37	140	-	149	648	67	342	2	192
February	536	70	155	5	125	860	117	399	11	173
March	518	44	155	-	147	875	90	384	-	198
April	577	55	135	2	110	938	112	400	4	157
May	476	48	179	2	82	773	71	400	5	113
June	430	64	138	-	54	742	113	358	3	87
July	439	59	167	2	78	731	98	414	5	124
August	448	57	153	3	79	731	100	369	8	118
September	531	63	175	-	91	844	97	431	2	129
October	533	92	225	-	116	810	145	492	-	168
November	421	86	154	-	122	717	134	355	1	176
December	513	87	166	1	153	879	146	440	2	225

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956 -								
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
January	68,295	24,414	587	8,532	107,743	63,908	1,132	12,584
February	68,490	24,379	547	8,552	108,262	64,163	1,171	12,652
March	68,829	24,390	542	8,594	108,966	64,445	1,172	12,745
April	69,320	24,418	547	8,635	109,254	64,327	1,175	12,643
May	69,363	24,427	551	8,622	109,919	64,828	1,185	12,767
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
July	71,265	24,593	555	8,537	110,224	63,113	1,176	12,260
August	71,563	24,644	558	8,568	111,011	63,463	1,184	12,352
September	71,955	24,652	558	8,589	111,942	63,803	1,186	12,441
October	72,721	24,862	552	8,664	112,654	64,016	1,179	12,456
November	72,923	24,881	543	8,677	113,584	64,789	1,172	12,655
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency
(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER		Six Months ended DECEMBER	
	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957
Oversea	3,136	3,797	25,054	22,155	8,213	9,720	44,045	54,590
Interstate	8,298	7,151	51,038	48,344	3,785	2,003	17,127	18,887
Total:	11,434	10,948	76,092	70,499	11,998	11,723	61,172	73,477

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958 -										
March Qr.	249	700	1,057	3,233	28	356	162	2,144	1,496	6,433
June Qr.	369	1,086	1,122	3,379	35	515	185	1,508	1,711	6,488
Sept. Qr.	210	601	1,139	3,483	35	422	171	5,200	1,555	9,706

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958 -										
March Qr.	904	2,943	4	10	371	896	-	-	1,279	3,849
June Qr.	945	3,174	8	21	470	1,100	1	2	1,424	4,297
Sept. Qr.	821	2,762	11	33	461	1,114	1	1	1,294	3,910

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	JANUARY		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1959	1958	1958	1957
GOLD				
Quantity				
Value (Aust. Currency) (a) £.	63,925	66,562	867,188	896,681
Dividends reported by	998,820	1,040,036	13,549,788	14,010,636
Gold Mining Companies £.	-	-	*2,067,826	2,413,386

(a) Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

* Revised.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER		DECEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended DECEMBER	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
Metropolitan Area	2946	2963	3046	2972	2707	2755	2729	2743
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3160	3232	3214	3205	2617	2670	2625	2653
Northam	3087	3087	3142	3093	2686	2711	2691	2707
Bunbury	3142	3044	3142	3111	2765	2785	2749	2790
Geraldton	3211	3247	3229	3231	2926	2974	2916	2955
Collie	3157	3146	3173	3183	2509	2527	2504	2531

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

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Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision.

Month	1957			1958		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	138.9	44.2	183.1	139.0	45.3	184.3
February	139.7	45.2	184.9	138.7	45.7	184.4
March	140.0	45.5	185.5	139.5	46.0	185.5
April	139.4	45.0	184.4	139.0	45.9	184.9
May	138.9	45.1	184.0	138.7	45.9	184.6
June	138.4	44.5	182.9	138.6	45.8	184.4
July	138.0	44.8	182.8	138.0	45.8	183.8
August	138.1	44.9	183.0	138.3	46.1	184.4
September	138.4	45.2	183.6	138.8	46.4	185.2
October	138.7	45.3	184.0	139.2	46.4	185.6
November	139.2	45.8	185.0	139.0	46.7	185.7
December	138.9	46.1	185.0	139.3	47.0	186.3

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
January	226	237	241	232	231
February	228	240	241	235	233
March	231	242	240	236	234
April	230	243	239	234	233
May	231	242	238	234	230
June	230	239	235	231	228
July	230	238	231	229	226
August	230	239	230	229	226
September	232	241	233	232	226
October	233	241	233	232	227
November	234	243	233	233	228
December	233	242	232	232	227

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1958 are preliminary.

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STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
27/10/58	13. 13. 5	8. 17. 9	13. 13. 4	8. 17. 8	13. 11. 6	8. 16. 6			

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
December, 1958	11,836	1,563	95,562	55,689	16,679
December, 1957	7,604	639	52,539	37,171	18,707
6 Months ended December, 1958	88,016	6,510	582,509	533,763	101,206
6 Months ended December, 1957	67,557	3,352	337,786	449,473	101,848

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State
1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
1957	6,150	2,193	2,244	976	8,394	3,169	87	65	2,733	1,335
<u>1958 -</u>										
January	520	161	162	87	682	248	8	11	218	120
February	438	135	202	81	640	216	3	6	246	112
March	491	181	224	77	715	258	10	11	271	109
April	514	208	193	99	707	307	7	7	229	144
May	656	202	218	85	874	287	4	13	271	125
June	560	191	221	73	781	264	6	5	262	95
July	775	187	240	82	1,015	269	6	7	282	111
August	514	176	184	92	698	268	10	14	221	126
September	517	143	185	73	702	216	7	4	223	113
October *	596	162	177	85	773	247	5	6	213	131
November *	467	157	183	82	650	239	5	8	252	123
December	566	174	223	123	789	297	9	11	302	179
Total Twelve Months ended December	6,614	2,077	2,412	1,039	9,026	3,116	80	103	2,990	1,488

* Figures revised.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
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MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

(SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	JANUARY		Seven Months ended JANUARY	
		1959	1958	1959	1958
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	271	269	3,026	3,182
Bricks - Cement	'000	63	158	769	1,226
- Clay	"	4,277	6,777	53,431	61,238
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	83	98	738	896
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,485	1,916	13,453	16,147
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	355	453	3,048	4,267
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup. ft.	14,670(b)	13,281(b)	110,210(c)	103,764(c)
<u>Clothing</u>					
Pyjamas, Woven-Men's and Boys'	dozen	857	971	7,454	5,841
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	2,800	2,924	34,544	32,779
Sports Coats - Men's	number	163	179	1,804	2,415
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	"	34	46	437	717
- 2 piece	"	775	680	9,469	10,884
Trousers - Men's-Sport	"	3,563	3,691	34,180	33,197
-Work	"	10,006	7,698	87,505	82,073
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	440	479	3,949	4,050
Butter	"	835	755	11,394	12,844
Cheese	"	166	159	1,972	1,941
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Coal	ton	55,176	59,647	508,567	497,452
Electricity Generated	'000 K.W.H.	71,282	70,475	504,795	483,876
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	2,606	2,426	19,296	16,288
- Woven Wire	"	3,371	1,375	15,114	14,437
- Soft Filled	"	2,447	2,757	19,838	21,171
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Trailers (all types)	"	22	14	142	74
Sulphuric Acid	ton	18,682	16,866	109,526	119,799
Superphosphate	ton	51,182	45,808	299,252	331,274
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,481	2,539	14,993	16,050

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(b) December figures, January not available.

(c) Six months ended December.

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VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The figures for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for 1957-58 and quarterly periods are estimates based on sample surveys and are subject to revision when final results of the 1956-57 Census of Retail Establishments are available.

(& Million)

Period	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (a)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (b)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (c)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol (d)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	24.7	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	28.1	10.1	7.5	6.1	30.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	29.1	11.5	20.6	17.9	29.3	12.1	8.1	6.7	33.7	169.0	58.1
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.2	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	8.0	36.4	11.5
1956	6.7	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	8.1	38.3	12.2
1957	6.6	2.6	5.0	4.5	6.0	2.8	1.8	1.5	8.5	39.3	11.6
1958	7.1	2.8	5.3	5.0	6.2	2.9	2.0	1.5	9.0	41.8	14.7
June Qtr.											
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.6	8.0	37.2	12.4
1956	7.0	2.7	4.4	3.5	7.3	2.7	1.5	1.4	7.9	38.4	10.6
1957	7.0	2.8	5.0	3.9	7.4	3.0	1.8	1.6	8.2	40.7	12.7
1958	7.4	2.9	5.2	4.2	7.6	2.9	1.7	1.7	8.7	42.3	14.7
Sept. Qtr.											
1955	6.5	2.6	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.6	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.7	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	10.6
1957	7.0	2.9	4.8	3.9	6.8	2.8	1.8	1.7	7.4	39.1	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1955	6.9	2.5	4.7	4.1	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	13.3
1956	7.1	2.6	4.9	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.2	42.2	11.7
1957	7.6	2.9	5.3	4.8	8.7	3.5	2.6	1.8	8.6	45.8	15.0

(a) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (b) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.).

(c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognised season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1958												1959
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
FRUIT														
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	36. 6	35. 5	41. 9	28. 0	21. 2	12.10	13. 3	11.10	13. 7	14. 1	19. 5	22. 4	23. 6
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	-	-	31. 9	27. 5	29. 7	34. 0	38. 5	40. 6	51. 2	-	-
- Val.	bush.	22. 4	22. 8	27. 9	34. 2	32. 7	-	-	30. 4	33. 6	30. 9	36. 7	39.11	40. 3
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 3	10	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 2	1. 3	1. 4	1. 3	1. 3	1. 1	9	1. 0
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	-	-	18. 5	30.11	28. 0	25. 2	30. 6	28. 7	27. 3	27. 7	36. 6	54. 6	-
- Other	bush.	31.10	29. 3	27. 4	37. 1	35. 3	34. 1	39. 2	41.10	34. 0	43. 6	49. 6	49. 6	33. 6
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	29. 7	28. 9	30. 6	31. 2	-	-	27. 2	25. 3	-	-	-	-	29. 0
Apricots	bush.	43. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42. 2	28. 3	35.11
Nectarines	bush.	21. 0	28.11	27. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.11
Plums	bush.	20.10	18. 0	29. 2	46. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24. 3	18. 6
Peaches	bush.	20. 3	17. 3	20. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23. 4	19. 8
Grapes	$\frac{1}{4}$ bush.	24.11	21. 9	24. 6	25. 0	29.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20. 2
VEGETABLES														
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Cabbage	crate \neq	16. 3	11. 6	6. 4	5.10	6.10	7. 0	7. 3	6. 1	5. 2	5. 2	6. 0	5. 5	9. 4
Cauliflowers	dozen	-	18. 0	16. 1	18. 4	11. 0	14. 6	19. 2	15. 8	6. 7	18. 2	16. 8	-	-
Lettuce	crate	8. 2	12. 9	11.10	12.11	7. 6	10. 6	7. 9	9. 6	7. 5	7. 1	8. 0	9. 9	14. 2
Table Celery	doz. head	9. 4	8. 9	13. 3	12. 5	10.11	12. 1	8. 4	8. 7	9. 2	6. 6	9.10	9. 9	7. 7
Beetroot	cwt.	82. 6	62. 5	33. 2	34.10	26. 1	32.11	35. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	33.11	35. 5
Carrots	cwt.	22. 0	29. 8	37.11	33.10	20. 8	20. 7	17. 6	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	27.11	32. 5
Parsnips	cwt.	30. 1	42. 0	50. 2	55.11	48. 0	51. 7	46. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	51.11	67.10
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	4. 3	7.10	5. 2	5. 7	5.11	6. 9	5. 1	5. 1	5. 6	7. 3	9. 6	9. 4	11. 1
Swedes	cwt.	42.10	48. 1	40. 0	28.10	26. 2	22. 8	20. 1	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	43. 7	56.10
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 1	9	9	5	11	1. 3	1. 5	1. 4	1. 6	1. 0	11	8	1. 1
Peas	lb.	1. 9	1.10	1. 5	1. 5	1. 4	1.10	1. 4	1. 1	11	8	9	11	1. 7
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	5	7
Pumpkin	bag	19. 9	17. 1	15. 6	15. 1	13. 7	12.11	14. 1	14. 7	13. 4	30.11	56. 8	65. 9	33. 5
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	19. 3	22. 3	23. 0	23. 0	22. 7	24. 6	28.11	15. 0	14. 7	30. 2	35. 8	23. 3	14. 6
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	31.15.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	-	-	-	-	40. 0.0	40. 0.0
Potatoes (b)	ton	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0	36.10.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area. \neq 50 lb. crate

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(c) Not available.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1958												1959
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>													
Suckers	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.14. 1	3.18. 6	3. 6. 9	3. 3. 9	3. 2. 1	-	-
Lambs - In Wool	4. 0. 7	4. 3. 9	4. 2. 8	3.19.11	4. 9. 1	4.15. 0	4.11. 8	3.14. 4	-	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.13. 3	3. 4. 9	-	3. 2. 4	2.18. 0	3. 0. 9	3. 4. 2
Hoggets - In Wool	3.13. 3	3.16. 3	3.14. 8	3. 9. 8	3.11.11	-	3.19.10	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2. 7. 7	2. 9. 1	2.11. 3
Ewes - In Wool	2. 6. 1	2. 7. 5	2. 9. 3	2.10. 1	2.13. 4	2.18.11	2.17. 2	2.17. 3	-	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	2. 1. 1	1.19. 3	1.14. 9	1.15. 6	1. 9. 9	1. 8. 2	1.12. 1	1.13.11
Wethers - In Wool	3. 1.11	3. 6.10	3. 9. 2	3. 4. 1	3. 8. 7	3.13. 2	3. 3. 3	3. 0. 5	-	-	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	2.15. 9	2.10. 0	2. 6. 7	2. 6. 4	1.16. 3	1.16. 8	1.19. 3	2. 4. 5
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>													
Baby Beef	28. 7. 1	29. 6. 3	28. 5. 8	30. 8. 8	37. 2. 4	35.13. 5	35.14.10	33.17. 2	31.14. 7	29. 0. 2	28.17.10	27. 1.10	28. 2. 8
Heifers	33. 0. 0	33.10. 4	32. 9. 2	35. 9. 3	41. 2. 6	40.12. 8	38. 7. 3	38. 4. 7	35.18. 1	34. 2. 4	34. 0. 4	33. 8. 7	37. 5.11
Cows	40.11. 9	40. 9. 2	39.15. 1	41.12. 4	43.10. 5	43.13. 1	42.14. 1	42. 1. 1	39.18. 9	39.16.11	39.11. 3	39. 4.10	40. 3. 3
Steers	43. 1. 6	42.15. 9	41. 4. 1	44. 7. 9	48.13. 2	46.18. 5	46.14.11	47. 5. 0	44.17. 9	45. 5. 6	42.13. 5	42.15. 9	43. 0. 0
Bullocks	43. 4. 0	-	-	53.18. 9	-	52.10. 7	46.10. 7	60. 9. 4	56. 4. 5	54. 8. 0	48.16. 1	44.16. 9	-
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>													
Slips	2.18.11	2. 9. 9	2.19. 1	3. 0. 0	3. 0.11	3.18. 4	4. 5. 1	4. 9.11	4.14.11	4.16. 4	4. 9.10	5. 0. 9	5.14.11
Porkers	7. 1. 0	6.19. 0	7. 5. 6	6.16. 2	7. 6. 8	8. 8. 4	8. 6.10	8.10. 1	8. 6.11	9. 3. 7	8.18. 0	9. 2. 9	9. 6. 4
Baconers	11. 7. 4	11.14. 9	11.15. 7	11.11.11	11.18. 7	13. 2. 9	13. 2. 9	13. 6. 6	14. 0. 0	14. 6.11	14. 5. 2	14. 4. 4	14. 7. 7

